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Please Respond to:

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Colonel Chris Knight Florida Highway Patrol 2900 Apalachee Parkway Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Colopel Knight: Chus

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for one of your employees; Captain Kenneth Spears. As you know, the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement was asked to assist DOT, FDLE and your agency FHP, in deploying officers to Mississippi for the specific task of providing law enforcement equipment and other supplies to the officers who were affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Captain Spears and the other members of the team went above and beyond their mission, working tirelessly providing not only uniforms and supplies, they also delivered equipment such as generators, chain saws and donated patrol vehicles. The result of their outstanding dedication to this mission was evident during a tour of the area. We encountered many officers who were clothed in the attire provided by the Florida team: each of these individuals expressed their genuine gratitude for the uniforms and other supplies they received.

We are extremely proud to have been associated with such a rewarding mission and the ability to work together with our fellow state law enforcement agencies. We look forward to a promising partnership in our future endeavors together.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. BRONSON COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

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